



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

30 November 5, 2014

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION ASSIGNING TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS
THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY FOR COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR
THE WHITTIER NARROWS TREE PLANTING PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to assign the County's right to apply for \$328,500 of First Supervisorial District County Specified and Excess Funds, allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps for the proposed Whittier Narrows Tree Planting Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed Whittier Narrows Tree Planting Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the project.
2. Adopt the attached Resolution assigning the County's right to apply for \$328,500 of First Supervisorial District County Specified and Excess Funds, allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps for the proposed Whittier Narrows Tree Planting Project at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, to accept the improvements made at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area upon satisfactory completion by the San

Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to assign the County's right to apply for \$328,500 of First Supervisorial District County Specified and Excess Funds, allocated to the Department by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps (SGVCC) for the proposed Whittier Narrows Tree Planting Project (Project) at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area (WNRA). The scope of work will include the removal, purchase, and planting of trees at various locations within WNRA.

Approval of the recommended actions will also allow the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), or his designee, to accept the improvements upon successful completion of the Project by the SGVCC.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by improving and enhancing recreational opportunities at WNRA.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions will have no impact on the County's General Fund. Sufficient appropriation in the amount of \$328,500 is budgeted in the First Supervisorial District's portion of RPOSD's County Specified and Excess Funds Project Fund, and the Department is assigning the County's right to apply for these funds to SGVCC.

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

The recommended actions allow the Department, through SGVCC, to propose the tree planting Project for grant funding. Additional operating costs may materialize from the Project provisions, but will be dependent on approval and award of the grant.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposition A provides a method of determining, each fiscal year, the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the 1996 Proposition. The recommended actions will allow the SGVCC to apply for funds from the County's Specified and Excess Funds available to the First Supervisorial District.

Pursuant to RPOSD's Procedural Guide, the governing body of the agency must adopt a resolution in order to authorize the assignment of its the right to apply to another entity. The County, as the governing body of the Department, will assign its right to apply to SGVCC.

County Counsel has approved this Board Letter and the attached Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Project, which includes the removal, purchase, and planting of trees at various locations within WNRA, is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(h) and 15304 (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1(j) and 4(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project provides for maintenance of existing landscaping and installation of new landscaping.

The proposed Project will not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees. Additionally, the proposed Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed Project's records.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will not have an impact on services or any current or planned projects at WNRA.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division, and one to the Department.

Should you have any questions, please contact Luva Robinson at (213) 637-1845 or lrobinson@parks.lacounty.gov, Faith Parducho at (213) 738-2811 or fparducho@parks.lacounty.gov, Kasey Dizon at (213) 738-2986 or kdizon@parks.lacounty.gov, or Kaye Michelson at (213) 738-2955 or kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING ASSIGNMENT TO THE
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS THE COUNTY'S RIGHT TO APPLY
FOR COUNTY SPECIFIED AND EXCESS FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE SAFE
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1992 AND 1996 FOR WHITTIER
NARROWS TREE PLANTING PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or development facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the County may assign its right to apply for these funds to other agencies consistent with the of the 1992 and 1996 Propositions; and

WHEREAS, the San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps (SGVCC) is requesting \$328,500 of First Supervisorial District County Specified and Excess Funds for the Whittier Narrows Tree Planting Project (Project); and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is in the County's best interest to assign its right to apply for these funds to SGVCC; and

WHEREAS, SGVCC will submit an application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to obtain a grant for the Project and provide assurances to the District that the funds will be expended in accordance with the intent of the 1992 and 1996 proposition and the District's procedural guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, will accept the Project upon successful completion by SGVCC

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors hereby assigns to SGVCC the County's right to apply for \$328,500 of First Supervisorial District County Specified and Excess Funds for the Whittier Narrows Tree Planting Project.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 5th day of November, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

By Carla Little
Deputy



APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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